

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Chunhua YAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/978,167

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: ISOLATED HUMAN SECRETED  
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES  
ENCODING HUMAN SECRETED PROTEINS,  
AND USES THEREOF

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: D. Steadman

Atty. Docket: CL001303

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

*By Facsimile*

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on June 12, 2003 from Examiner Steadman in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, thereby extending the due date of the present response to August 12, 2003. Please charge the extension of time fee to deposit account number 50-0970.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III, claims 4-6, 8-11 and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II and IV-X.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-23 as being directed to non-elected subject matter or being made redundant by way of the amendments below.